

# Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

## Covenant supports Stewart schools

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Although school-year 2007-2008 is nearly over, Fort Stewart's schools are gearing up for a summer of learning opportunities. According to Dr. Joseph Guiendon, superintendent for the South Carolina and Fort Stewart, Department of Defense Education Activity School District, several summer and on-going programs will allow young minds to continue to grow while their young bodies enjoy a well-deserved vacation.

These programs meet the objectives of the Army Family Covenant, which challenges

installations to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families. Education is certainly important to every Army Family, and schools help parents teach the next generation.

Guiendon said one of Stewart schools' programs that helps prepare the next generation is the **Summer Enrichment program**. This half day DoD program for kindergarten through 6th grade is designed for enhancing math, science and language arts skills. Though coordinated from Diamond Elementary, Stewart's Summer Enrichment program is available in all three schools. This is the third summer the program has been

available.

"Summer Enrichment is not a remedial program," said Summer Enrichment coordinator and Diamond Elementary assistant principal, Odessa Mormon. "It builds on knowledge and skills they already have. It extends their understanding of what they learned during the school year."

Reading and creative writing activities, math exercises and science projects help keep young minds in the learning mode. And the more children learn, the more interested they are in learning. Guiendon said parental involvement in their children's education is what inspires children to learn, and programs

like Summer Enhancement will only work with parents' support and participation.

Another summer program supported by Stewart schools and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is a **free lunch program** for all children, 18 and under. Bag lunches can be picked up Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Diamond Elementary, Brian Village Youth Center, Southern Oaks Community Center, Jordan Youth Center and the Family Fun Park. The free lunch program will begin June 9 and run through July 25, except during the July 2-4 celebrations.

Other on-going programs at Stewart schools include the **Homework Club**, **Brittin Elementary's band/orchestra** and **special counselors** for children of deployed parents, Guiendon said. Homework is necessary to reinforce the day's lesson, but students attending Diamond, Brittin or Kessler who have core course deficiencies can receive after-school tutoring from certified teachers. With parental support and student commitment, this program can help these children catch up academically.

Most people don't realize how music enhances both communication and math skills while supplementing other classroom instruction. To help develop artistic skills, Brittin has its own band/orchestra program for grades 4-6, something usually reserved for middle school students, Guiendon said.

Guiendon was eager to talk about the licensed psychologists/counselors provided for children of deployed parents and other programs that help children stay connected with a deployed parent. One such program links children online to their mom or dad down range. Pictures, letters/messages and class projects can be emailed directly to the parent. The program not only keeps the parent connected with his or her child but allows him to stay involved in his child's education.

School year 2008-2009 will give Stewart parents greater access to their children's grades and attendance record, Guiendon said. Even parents deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan will be able to gain secured internet access to their child's grades and attendance.

"It's almost like giving parents a glimpse of the teacher's grade book," Guiendon said.

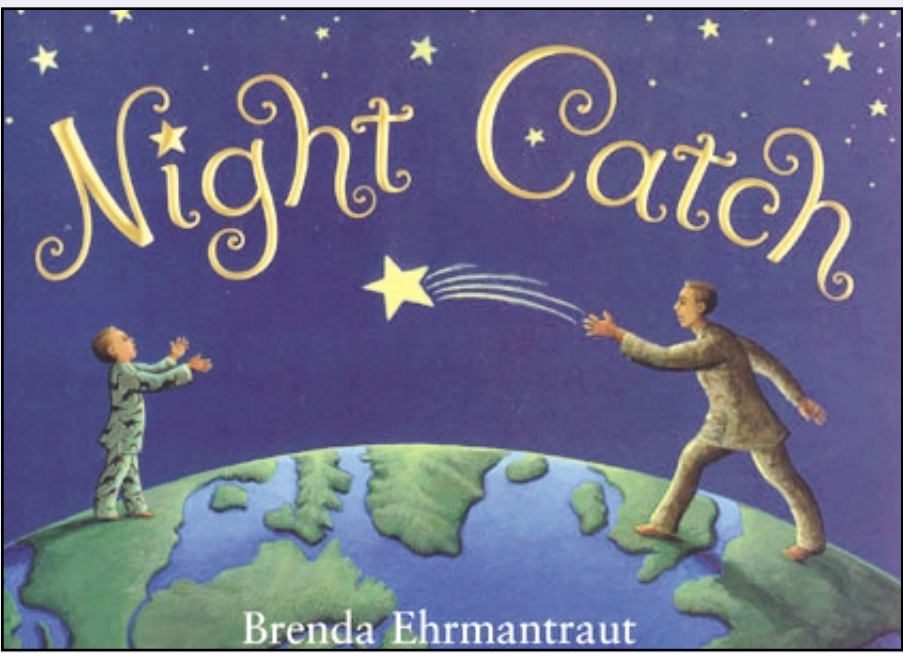
Still another program will call parents automatically if their child is not in school. There isn't a problem with Stewart students skipping school, he said. This new program is simply a safety measure to protect the children.



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Kessler Elementary School students, parents and faculty say the Pledge of Allegiance as they begin another day of school. School-year 2007-2008 is scheduled to end June 4, but various summer and on-going programs provide children continued opportunities to learn.

## April events highlight Month of Military Child



**Making connections and finding support through literature, the Military Child Education Coalition in association with Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Army Community Services sponsors Tell Me a Story, 2 p.m. April 27 at Club Stewart.**

**Tell Me a Story is an initiative that was created to empower military children by using literature and their own stories in a way that fosters skills for resilience, strong peer and parent connections, a sense of pride and accomplishment and a caring community.**

**The story for this event is Night Catch by Brenda Ehrmantraut. The guest reader is Bess Stone from Army Community Services. Admission is free; however, reservations are required because space is limited to the first 60 Families to sign up. Families that attend will each get a copy of the book. Please call 877-5330 for reservations.**

### Hunter Club hosts Youth Fiesta cooking class



Kaytrina Curtis

**Family member Paris Hingel and friend Amy Liak tie ribbons on their sombreros at the Fiesta Kid's Cooking Class held at the Hunter Club, April 13. Children ages 5-12 learned how to make tacos, learned new dance moves, and had their pictures taken.**

3rd Infantry Division  
Fort Stewart and  
Hunter Army Airfield

Holocaust  
Days of Remembrance  
"Do Not Stand Silent:  
Remembering Kristallnacht  
1938"

1:30 to 3 p.m., May 2  
Club Stewart Ballroom

Keynote Speaker:  
Melinda M. Stein  
Daughter of Holocaust Survivors

**Please come to tea  
for Mommy and me.  
Wear your hat and glove  
and please, please don't shove.  
We'll learn manners and play a game  
to be late would be a shame.  
Set the table and say please.  
Don't forget to R.S.V.P.  
Manners, tea, and fun  
will be had by mommy, daughter and son!**

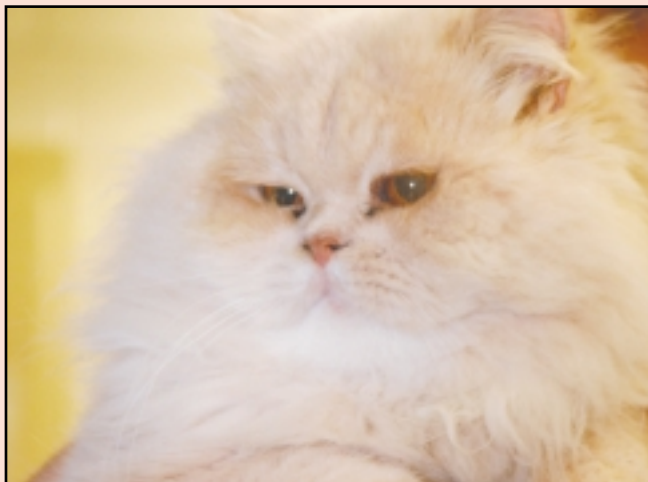
Come join us for tea April 20 at Club Stewart. Ticket sales and a photo opportunity will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the tea beginning promptly at 2 p.m. and concluding at 4 p.m.

Ladies are encouraged to wear their hats and gloves and little gentlemen are encouraged to wear a tie. Tickets for mommy are \$8 and tickets for sons and daughters are \$7. R.S.V.P. by noon on Wednesday, April 16 at 877-2626 or by email to [osc\\_rsvp\\_a\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:osc_rsvp_a_1@yahoo.com).

Don't forget to stop at the Shop of The Marne, building 25 off McNeely Road, open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; noon to 4 p.m. each Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of the month. New merchandise includes polished pottery, cookies, ACU purses, jewelry, and of course, 3rd Infantry Division items. The shop is accepting new crafters to consign their items, so contact the shop today if you have handcrafted items you would like to sell at the Shop. For more information, call 767-9268.



# Pets of the Week



**L**oompa, Jazzy, and Virgo are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.





### Live Oak Public Libraries’ programs

Live Oak Public Libraries Programs at the Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch Library:  
*Preschool Story time*

Join us for stories, songs, and more each Monday, 10:30 a.m. at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for children three to four years-old.

*Tree Tots Storytime*

Join us for stories, songs, and more, 10:30 a.m., each Tuesday at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for ages one to two years old.

*Tea and Tales Book Group at the Midway-Riceboro Branch Library*

Join us for a discussion of Under the Banner of Heaven by Jon Krakauer, 5:30 p.m., today. For more information, call the Midway-Riceboro Branch Library at 884-5742.

*The Puppet People Present: International Jukebox*

Midway-Riceboro Branch:

Celebrate National Library Week with this special program from the Puppet People at 2 p.m., Saturday. A dazzling cast of fanciful characters pop out of the jukebox to perform each song. For ages 3 and up.

### Human Resource Management meeting held

Coastal Society of Human Resource Management meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you are a human resource professional and would like to attend a meeting or receive more information, contact Holly Stevens-Brown, chapter president, at 876-3564.

### Home buyer education workshop held

Community members are invited to a free home buyer education workshop 3 to 3:30 p.m., May 3 at the Hinesville City Council room on the second floor. Topics include shopping for a home, knowing your credit, correcting credit problems and more. Attendees can register by calling the Community Development Department Next Step Program at 876-6573.

### President's Scholar announced

Savannah Country Day School senior Daniel Gallagher has been named a President's Scholar by the Georgia Institute of Technology. The President's Scholarship is Georgia Tech's premier merit-based award. It is offered to approximately 110 outstanding entering freshmen who have demonstrated superb leadership skills, are among the top few in their class in academic performance, and show promise of continuing such performance in college and beyond.

### Take your dog on a ghost walk

Bring your dog to the Ghost Walk 7 p.m., May 9 at Emmet Park, at the east end of Bay St. The cost is \$10 per adult and

benefits go to the Bryan County Animal Caregivers. Advance reservations are recommended. Call 234-3336 or 508-3336, for reservation or information. The rain out date is May 16.

### Golf tournament announced

Performance Initiatives, Inc. is helping support AWWIN, Inc. in their 3rd annual Golf Tournament at Savannah Harbor, June 13. Sponsors and players are needed. Please call Kerri Goodrich 507-7106 or register at [www.awwin-inc2.org](http://www.awwin-inc2.org).

### Worker’s compensation brief scheduled

The Sullivan Group's third quarterly Lecture Series will feature "Worker's Compensation: Everything You Ever Needed to Know." The discussion will take place today at the Coastal Georgia Center on Fahm Street from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. HR tips discussed at each presentation take on timely issues facing the world of employment and employee relations. For more information, or to RSVP for the event, please call Eileen Nuzzo, 961-8882.

### Jazz Orchestra comes to Hinesville

Jeremy Davis and the Fabulous Equinox Jazz Orchestra comes to Hinesville 7 p.m., April 25 at Main Street Park. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic baskets. Refreshments available for purchase from local vendors. Concert is free. For more information contact John at 408-6150.

### US Army Jazz Ambassadors visit Savannah

This talented group of musicians will perform a free concert at Jenkins High School, 7 p.m., April 25.

To get your free tickets, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Hershel V. Jenkins High School, ATTN: Michael Nestor, 1800 E. DeRenne Ave., Savannah, GA 31406.

### Savannah Business luncheon slated

The 2008 Savannah Business Champions Annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for noon, April 29 at the Riverfront Marriott. Guest Speaker is SCMPD Chief Michael Berkow presenting "Savannah through the Eyes of the Top Cop."

Awards will be presented for Small Business Champion, New and Emerging Small Business and Small Business of the Year. Tickets, tables and sponsorships are available. RSVP and award forms are available on the SBC Web site. [www.smallbusinesschamber.org](http://www.smallbusinesschamber.org).

### Savannah tennis events scheduled

There will be a series of fund raising tennis events held at Chatham County clubs to benefit the Savannah Ronald McDonald House between April and September 2008.

For sponsorship or participation information, contact

Kathy Feron at 598-5354 or Jeff Chandley at 598-2570.

### Help raise money for Sheriff’s Boy’s Ranch

Georgia Sheriff's Boy's Ranch will hold a poker run April 27 with a rain date of May 4 to help raise funds for the ranch.

Sign up deadline is 8 a.m., as the first bike run leaves 9 a.m., then continue at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. T-shirts are available for \$12. There will be door prizes and drawings. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, please call Maj. John Wilcher at 652-7609; Gretchen Derrberry at 652-7632 or Roger Martin at 652-7799.

More information is available online at [www.chathamsheriff.org](http://www.chathamsheriff.org).

### DAU offers continued learning

The Defense Acquisition University Continuous Learning Center offers continuous learning opportunities designed to maintain currency and help AT&L employees meet the DoD requirement to complete 80 points of continuous learning every two years.

The center includes nearly 200 self-paced continuous learning modules that address topics important to the AT&L community.

DAU introduces several continuous learning modules, available online.

The number of continuous learning points are listed per module.

You can register for these CLMs at <http://clc.dau.mil>.

*New Modules:*

SSN-LIN Automated Management & Integrating System; SLAMIS (CLL034); Depot Maintenance Capacity Measurement (CLL026); Diminished Manufacturing Sources & Material Shortages; (DMSMS) for Technical Professionals (CLL205).

***Modules Coming Soon:***

Alternative Dispute Resolution (CLC044); Contract Negotiations (CLC047); COR with a Mission Focus – update (CLC106); Introduction to Small Business Programs (FAC031); Marketing Research for Technical Personnel (CLE028); Net-ready key Performance Parameter – (CLM029); Partnering (CLC045); System Safety for Systems Engineering – (CLE009) Register for all modules at [clc.dau.mil](http://clc.dau.mil).

*Continuous Learning Resources*

General Information – [clc.dau.mil/](http://clc.dau.mil/)

Browse modules – [learn.dau.mil/html/clc/Clc.jsp](http://learn.dau.mil/html/clc/Clc.jsp)

Register for modules – [learn.dau.mil/html/clc/Register.jsp](http://learn.dau.mil/html/clc/Register.jsp)

Any questions, please contact Debbie Johnson, 926-9409 or email [debbie.johnson@dau.mil](mailto:debbie.johnson@dau.mil).

# Bluzapalooza brings ballads to Baghdad

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**CAMP STRIKER, Iraq** – Soldiers at Camp Striker had the opportunity to relax while listening to live blues music at the Striker North Morale Welfare Recreation Center April 5.

Bluzapalooza, a four-act blues festival starring singer and harmonica player Bobby Rush, entertained Soldiers for more than two hours during an evening show. The show also featured singer and harmonica player Billy Gibson, singer Janiva Magness, and a house band, also called Bluzapalooza.

"I wanted to give back," said Rush. "I wanted to give my time trying to inspire these Soldiers that protect us so well. This is great."

For some Soldiers, Bluzapalooza was their first

experience with blues music.

"I really wanted to see a great blues band," said Sgt. 1st Class Frankie Klemm with Company C, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. "I've never seen a live blues band. I like live music, but usually it's heavy metal. It takes talent to play music and I like to see it."

Others, like Sgt. Dennis Hart with Company A, 4-3 Avn., have a long history with blues music and were eager to enjoy the event.

"I'm a huge blues fan," said Hart. "I grew up with it, I used to play trombone. I went to college playing blues and jazz, so it wasn't much to bring me out."

The show opened with the house band followed by Gibson who worked the crowd by singing and playing his harmonica through-

out the aisles of chairs, talking and occasionally dancing with Soldiers. Magness, who won the Blues Music Award for Contemporary Artist of the Year in '06 and '07, performed after Gibson and expressed her thankfulness to servicemembers.

"We wouldn't be here if each one of us individually and as a group didn't have the deepest gratitude for each and every one of you," said Magness

Rush performed last, taking the stage with his band and two female dancers. Rush, who at 74 years old has created 249 records, said he is proud of the work Soldiers do and is glad to be able to entertain those he has great respect for.

"Thank all of you for what you've done," added Rush. "Thank you for what you're doing and what you will do."



Pfc. Monica K. Smith

**Billy Gibson, Janiva Magness and Bobby Rush perform their last song in the Bluzapalooza show at the Camp Striker North Morale Welfare and Recreation Center April 5.**

# There Will Be Blood reviewed

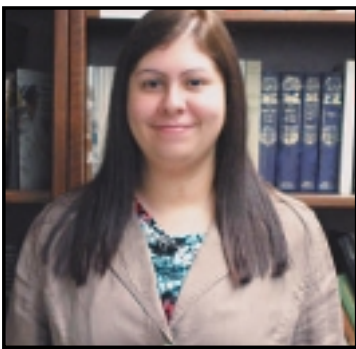
**Commentary by:**  
**Sasha McBrayer**  
*Fort Stewart Museum*

I rented two films last weekend; both of which were highly anticipated, at least for this movie fanatic. Anytime Daniel Day-Lewis gets in front of a camera people pay attention. It is rightly so. "There Will Be Blood" was a huge Oscar contender this year and I was so disappointed to miss seeing it in the theaters. Likewise, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," Tim Burton's latest, saw many nominations. During the Oscars, when comedian John Stewart was hosting, he jokingly asked if Hollywood needed a hug. With nominated films like these two, and "No Country for Old Men" and "American Gangster" and "Eastern Promises", it seemed villainy and blood was the new theme.

"There Will Be Blood" is loosely based on

the Upton Sinclair novel, titled "Oil!" It follows the life of a self-proclaimed oil man who goes from more humble beginnings to buying up and operating multiple American Oil wells in the West. As Daniel Plainview, Day-Lewis brings dimension to a hard, untrusting, greedy pioneer in the oil drilling industry. Despite some loud, almost powerful performances, the movie's only point of interest in Plainview and some decent cinematography. In the end, I, frankly, did not get it.

The film builds up an unusual rivalry between Plainview and young fire and brimstone preacher who hopes to use the oil industry to add wealth to the church. Both characters seem a bit mad. They flail about in this tragedy that provides no real heroes, save



for, perhaps Plainview's only son, who just barely escapes the madness in the end. Watching Day-Lewis act, or listening to his latest accent is never dull, but the film itself verges on being too slow. The unusual soundtrack is the only thing that keeps it plugging forward at times. I actually do not

recommend this film, which is a shock for me, a huge Day-Lewis admirer.

"Sweeney Todd" on the other hand, could also have been titled "There Will Be Blood," and was surprisingly wonderful. As the film opened and the titles danced along I could imagine director Burton sitting back somewhere laughing about just how much gore he finally unleashed upon an unwitting public.

"Todd" is based on the Sondheim and Wheeler stage musical of the same name. It is the story of a young man wrongfully accused by a wicked judge in the height of the industrial revolution in London. He is torn from his beautiful yellow-haired wife and baby daughter and sent to do hard time while the judge steals his idyllic family. When Todd returns to London he discovers his wife has fed herself position and that his beautiful daughter, now a young woman, remains the judge's prisoner.

"Todd" is also a tragedy. Most of the dialogue is sung, but it would be silly to expect less. Most of the numbers are funny and clever in this twisted tale of revenge. There are times when Helena Bonham Carter (-Burton) sings too high too be properly understood, but all in all the cast did a smashing job. Alan Rickman is our villain and a superb appearance by Sacha Baron Cohen is another reason to see this film.



# Army Community Service



**Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page.** *Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability.*

*We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to Active, Retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family members, regardless of branch of service.*

*Department of Defense civilian employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family members.*

*ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's Military. For information or to register for programs, call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.*

## Home Buying Workshop slated

First-time home buyers as well as previous home buyers can receive a certificate toward purchasing a home, as well as learn about the mortgage application process, tips for finding the right home and preparing for the closing. Representatives from ACS financial readiness, Directorate of Public Works Housing Service Office, and the City of Hinesville are partnering to bring you the best home buying information at Club Stewart, May 17. Call 767-5058 to reserve your seat.

## Get free child care

Choose your own provider and get free child care through the Respite Care program. Up to 40 hours each month for those enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program and who meet specific medical criteria is available. Now you can get a break from the demands of caring for your exceptional Family member, and get peace of mind by choosing your own provider. For information, call 767-5058.

## Get help finding a job

If you are having difficulty gaining employment, take advantage of the many opportunities offered by your Employment Readiness Program. At Fort Stewart, job seekers can get an overview of the local job market within a 50-mile radius, including the latest hot job leads at the two-hour employment and career orientation session, April 24. Resumix, the "insider's tips" to navigating the Federal job site, will be held at Hunter, April 22 and at Stewart, April 24. Call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 Hunter to register.

## Take a sexual assault awareness class

In support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, women at Hunter are invited to take a class in self-defense awareness. The class begins with a discussion on sexual assault awareness; how to 'act and intervene' when you see trouble, and conclude with a demonstration of techniques to physically deter an attacker. The Saturday morning classes will be held at the Tominac Fitness Center, April 26. To register, call 315-6816.

## Families invited to Meet the Army

A three-day Meet the Army workshop teaches the basic skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the military environment. Discussions include how the mission impacts your Family life, an introduction to Family Readiness Groups, Family financial readiness, basic military benefits and entitlements, and military customs and courtesies. The workshop will be held at Fort Stewart, April 23-25 and at Hunter, May 20-21. Other Army Family Team Building classes scheduled in May include Make Army Life Great, Lead the Way, and Dogface Soldier for Families. To register for free AFTB classes, call 767-5058 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also ask about child care information.

## Moving to a new duty station?

Financial planning for permanent change of station will be held at Stewart and Hunter, April 22. Learn how to plan monthly expenses during a PCS move and how to avoid pitfalls during your move. Moving to a new duty station can be stressful on children. Bring the kids to the relocation office at

Stewart, building 443 for a Kids on the Move children's briefing to learn all about their new home. Children also receive a fun activity pack to keep them busy while traveling. To register or for information, call 767-5058 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter.

## Learn to understand your baby

Baby Talk, a new class focusing on understanding your baby's language and the basics of newborn care, also includes an important discussion on Shaken Baby Syndrome and methods for comforting your crying infant and yourself. New parents, those who will be new parents again, grandparents, and caregivers at Fort Stewart are welcome to attend the Baby Talk class at the Education Center, building 100 from 5 to 7 p.m., April 22. Call 767-5058 to register.

## Shape your child's future

You are your child's first and most important teacher, so what are you teaching your children? The majority of what they learn comes from watching you. A new class offered by the new parent support program, Mirror Image, teaches parents of children ages 1-5 about the physical, emotional, and social needs of your children and how you can help them reach their full potential. Please call 767-5058 to register for the Mirror Image class from 2 to 4 p.m., April 22.

## Learn to manage anger

What triggers your stress? How do you react to an angry person? How does anger affect you? Take control of these emotions and learn coping techniques and healthy outlets, along with community resources at the Stress and Anger Management workshop. Call 315-6816 to register for the April 23 class at Hunter, or 767-5058 to register for the May 6 class at Stewart.

## Budget for your new baby

Learn budgeting tips for your growing Family, meet your new parent support team, and learn all the wonderful opportunities available for new parents. Call 315-6816 to register for the Budgeting for Baby class at Hunter, April 29.

## Learn tips to recognize volunteers

The motivation for volunteering differs from person to person, and learning the "right" way to recognize volunteers can have a positive and rewarding impact on a volunteer's experience. Volunteer Recognition Training will be held at Fort Stewart, April 21, and at Hunter, April 29. To register, call 767-5058 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter.

## Take FRG administrators training

Online "webinar" training for FRG system administrators who have little or no experience in creating and editing a Web page will be held at Hunter, April 30. There is only one session available at 6 p.m., and you must register in advance. To reserve your seat, please call 315-6816. Also ask about child care information.

## Give to the Army Emergency Relief fund

The Army Emergency Relief annual campaign runs now through May 15 with a goal of raising \$150,000 to help Soldiers and their Families at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. AER is a private nonprofit organization chartered in 1942 to help Soldiers take care of their own. Funds are provided in the form of interest-free loans, grants, or in a combination of the two. AER also offers undergraduate scholarships to the children of Soldiers and retirees. To make a contribution or for more information, call 767-5058 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter.

## Victim Advocate Program can help

The Victim Advocate Program provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Receive information about victim rights and available resources, safety planning, protective orders, safe lodging, support during investigative,

medical, and legal proceedings, command liaison services, and more. Call 767-3032 for more information.

## Having difficulty getting back to normal?

When you have a lot on your mind, talking it over with a caring, knowledgeable person can really make a difference. The Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life.

## Support Groups Something for Everyone



Army Community Service offers many opportunities to meet other Army Families for support and friendship. For information, call 767-5058 at Fort Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter Army Airfield.

### Chill and Chat

To discuss deployment or any other concerns each Monday at 9 a.m. at the PX Food Court, hosted by the Military and Family Life Consultants. Playland is open for the children.

### Grandparents and Caregivers Support Group

For those who are taking care of children while their parent is deployed, each Monday at 9 a.m. at the PX Food Court.

### Boot the Baby Blues

For mothers with new babies to discuss post-partum blues and parenting concerns, each Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Southern Oaks Community Center. Hosted by the New Parent Support Program.

### Hearts Apart

Support and friendship while your loved one is away, held 11 a.m., Wednesday in the Relocation Office, building 443 at Leisure Activities and at Hunter, on the second Tuesday of each month at the Army Community Service, building 1279.

### Foreign-Born Spouse Groups

For spouses from other countries who are new to the area to network, share resources, discuss the American way of life, develop friendships, and learn about the many resources available to help make your new life a positive experience. Children are welcome.

At Hunter, a foreign-born spouse group meets monthly every third Monday at 11 a.m. at ACS-Hunter, building 1279

At Stewart, Grupo Hispano, Hispanic coffee group, held monthly every first Thursday at 1 p.m. and Deutscher Kaffee Klatch, German coffee group, held monthly every second Thursday at 1 p.m. Both meet at building 443, Leisure Activities in the relocation office.

### It's An Exceptional Life

For Families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program, held 6 p.m., monthly on the third Thursday at Southern Oaks Community Center. Various presentation topics offered each month.

The consultants are available at both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and are also now available at off-post locations in Richmond Hill, Pembroke, Glennville, Ludowici, and Hinesville. Call 704-9505, 492-6367, or 492-6428 to request an appointment.

## New to the installation?

The ACS Outreach Center offer new Family orientations, referrals, information and assistance to newcomers. Located in the Audie L. Murphy Soldier Service Center, building 253, at Fort Stewart, the Outreach staff is friendly, helpful, and can connect you with the services you need. Visit in person, or call 767-9176.

## Aerobics Class for Breast Cancer Survivors

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) offers



# HEALTH MATTERS

## Winn Army Community Hospital

### MEDDAC publishes first-ever report

Ann Erickson  
MEDDAC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, will make a delivery in the coming weeks. No, this has nothing to do with a baby — although MEDDAC officials undoubtedly hope the delivery is a bundle of joy.

It's the MEDDAC's first-ever published annual report, which is currently available online to the patients and community of Stewart-Hunter. The goal of the report is to provide a recap of the year's accomplishments as well as a clear, easily understood picture of the quality of health care at the MEDDAC.

Hospital officials hope the annual report will reinforce the MEDDAC's theme of 'creating great patient experiences.' Hospital officials are proud to present the annual report to highlight how they are constantly striving to be better. Throughout the pages, you will learn about their passion for excellence and innovation and how they focus on our patients, now and in the future.

"Our mission is to help maintain, restore and improve the health of the people and communities we serve," said

Col. John P. Collins, MEDDAC commander. "Our employees, volunteers and physicians are committed to keeping patient safety, clinical effectiveness and quality of care at the forefront of all we do."

The annual report gives a brief history of the MEDDAC and a recap of events throughout the year. It also features new technologies, including the hospital's new speech technology for the telephone appointment system, which uses 'say anything' speech recognition technology to connect calls to the right department. The report details how the MEDDAC spent its budget of \$72.9 million in 2007.

"We recognize our responsibility for providing quality healthcare," Collins said. "That's why we provide important and meaningful resources to help ensure that we are challenged to continually raise-the-bar for better patient care."

This is just another way that hospital officials hope to help patients stay informed about what is going on in their hospital and clinics.

The annual report can be downloaded at the MEDDAC's Web site at [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil) or look for it soon in the clinic waiting rooms.

### Winn Briefs

#### Mass School Health Screenings

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed.

Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic want to help you get a head start on preparing for the next school year. Winn's mass school health screening will be by appointment only, May 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration. Tuttle's mass school health screening will be by appointment only Saturday May 17, from 8 a.m. to noon and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration.

To schedule an appointment at Winn or Tuttle call, 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. Please bring ID card and child's immunization/medical records, s if available.

#### Blood drive slated

Winn Army Community Hospital is hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 29 in the Red Cross Bloodmobile. ID is required to donate. All blood types are needed. Give the gift of life- give blood.

#### April is Donate a Life month

Every April LifeLink of Georgia, the local organ procurement organization, along with the U.S Department of Health and Human Services and the transplant community across the country honor and pay tribute to the generosity of organ donors and their families.

National Donate Life month encourages individuals to learn about the importance of becoming an organ and tissue donor. Currently more than 95,000 people are listed for an organ transplant nationwide; in Georgia more than 1,700 people await the gift of life. To learn more about organ and tissue donation visit [www.lifelinkfound.org](http://www.lifelinkfound.org).

#### Health Clinic walk-in hours change

The Fort Stewart Behavioral Health Clinic for Active-Duty Soldiers new walk-in hours are 8 to 10:30 a.m., Monday thru Friday. The clinic is located at 1083 Worcester Ave., building 9242. For more information, call 767-1647 or 767-1654.

#### Book appointments online

Want an alternative to calling the appointment line? TRI-CARE online could be your answer. You can book your appointments online at the TRICARE online Web site, [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

This link is also available through the Winn Web site homepage, [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil).

#### Parking lot repairs at Winn

Certain sections of the parking lot at Winn Army Community Hospital will be closed for phase three of repair and resurfacing. Please exercise caution in the parking lot during this time.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

**March 26**

- **Justin Edward Cole**, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Edward Maxwell Cole and Angela Marie Cole.

**March 28**

- **Illyssa Laney Bennett**, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Pvt. David Lee Bennett Sr. and Krystal Rena Bennett.

**March 30**

- **Audrina Nevaeh Chavez**, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Eugenio Chavez and Araceli Chavez.

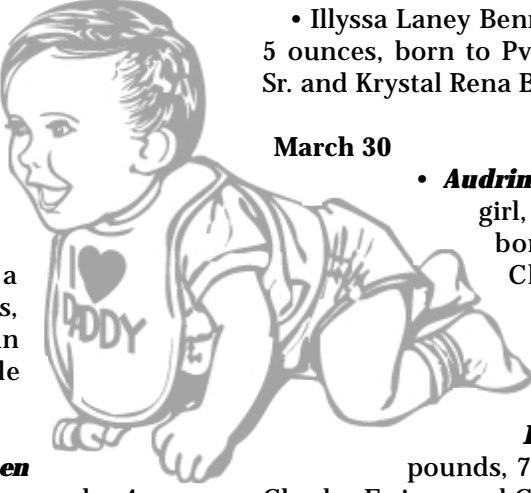
**April 1**

- **Lauren Amber Ewings**, a girl, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Charles Ewings and Carletha Ewings.

**March 27**

- **Tyler Allen Jennings**, a boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Brian Jennings and Michele Jennings.

**Amari Jaiden Quattlebaum**, a boy, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Aaron Marcelle Quattlebaum and Regina Marie Quattlebaum.



## Patient, Family Care helps improve quality of life

Randy Murray  
Public Affairs Specialist

Tranquil Beach, Recovery Cove, Bravery Boardwalk, Healing Zone, and Caring Causeway - Some of these exotic places sound like resort communities, but they're found on the third floor of Winn Army Community Hospital - well, they're sort of found there. They exist mostly in the imaginations of patients visiting the surgical ward.

As part of the new Patient and Family Centered Care program, the walls on the hospital's 3rd floor have been re-painted with pastel colors and seascapes. The affect of the softer colors and the artwork is to reduce patients and visitors' stress levels, and not just children but adults too.

Though a recovery room for children may include a smiley-face sun peaking over the clouds at a sandcastle, seagull and beach ball, a recovery room for adults has an Army beret and 3rd Infantry Division coffee cup strategically placed on a window ledge, foreground to a colorful ocean sunrise.

The concept behind PFCC is to allow patients to participate in their own treatment with the understanding that the best treatment promotes physical

and emotional healing. PFCC is partly in response to the Army Family Covenant, which challenges installations to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families.

Stewart-Hunter patients and Family members have said they want more parking spaces, more appointments and longer visiting hours. The hospital's staff has responded with reconstruction of the parking lots, initiatives that make more appointments available and extending visiting hours.

Patients also have new options to file grievances or simply make suggestions. Nearly 20 volunteer patient advisors listen to the concerns of patients and their Families then convey those concerns to their health care providers. Patients are being treated the way they expect to be treated - though their medical/health issue is important, they're important as people too. This concern for the whole patient has even made its way into the operating room.

"For children as young as infants up to teenagers, we put their parents in the appropriate operating room attire and let them observe the whole operation," said Lt. Col. Dan McKay, anesthesiologist. "It greatly reduces the stress on both the child and the

parent."

McKay emphasized that not all parents are encouraged to be in the operating room, particularly those who can hardly bear to see their child undergoing anesthesia. He credits his staff for understanding which parents wouldn't be appropriate in the operating room, noting that most of his staff members have more than 10 years experience in anesthesiology. McKay also said parents are now allowed in the post-op area almost immediately after surgery.

Capt. Scott Smith, head nurse for the behavior health unit, said PFCC helps promote emotional healing. He said patients in his unit leave their pastel-colored rooms in the morning and spend most of the day in the dayroom, where they're surrounded by the same pastel-colored walls, as well as seascapes and a large screen TV. The dayroom is where group sessions and "community meetings" are held.

Another amenity for his patients is phone cards, which are provided by Army Community Service. And even though there are designated visiting hours, Smith said Family and friends are usually allowed to visit patients throughout the day.



# Fly above chaos with the faith of a child



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Chaplain (1st Lt.) Scott Dennis**  
4/3 BSTB

On a warm Saturday afternoon a father is playing with his son in the backyard. He lifts the boy high over his head and the boy smiles. He tosses him into the air, arms outstretched as if he was flying then catches him only to hear the words, "Do it again, daddy."

The look on the boy's face is one of pure energy and fun. There is no worry about falling, no examining the potential consequences, no concern for what could go wrong: the boy has faith in his father.

Faith is a funny thing. We start out life with a built-in faith of people and things then somewhere between childhood and adulthood, we tend to lose this

faith to the realities of life. We call it growing up, responsibility, life lessons, or something else.

Our experience tells us that things don't always work out the way we might hope. Childhood pets die, friends turn their backs, Families choose to break apart. Trouble comes our way and we cannot escape it, but is this all there is? Should we simply let go of our faith in the face of crisis? No. In fact this is the only time that faith can exist. This is the time that faith was intended for.

For me, the definition of faith is found in Scripture,

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1, NIV)*

This is not a blind faith as some may call it. I am well aware of

troubles that occur in this world. My faith is not placed in the hope that everything will be right and fair and easy. My faith is placed in my God who holds all things in his hands...even during times when evil people choose to do evil things that cause hurt.

It is not when all is well that my faith gets exercised; there is no need for faith or hope when life is good.

It is the very moment when life becomes difficult that faith does its work. I choose to exercise my faith in believing that God knows more than me, that I must trust him especially when I can't make sense of life in this world.

So how is your faith? During difficult times of deployment, family struggles, financial strain, and numerous other challenges,

are you able to stand on the solid ground of faith? Sometimes our faith may not be as strong as it once was or as strong as we need it to be.

If you lack the faith that you once had and aren't sure of how to regain that hope for the future, let me encourage you to attend one of the many chapel services on post.

You will learn how to exercise a faith that can hold you up, no matter what troubles may come your way...a faith that allows you to walk through the challenges of life knowing that your father stands ready to catch you when you fall.

Don't let the struggles of life rob you of the ability to fly above the chaos. This type of faith we were never meant to grow out of.

## Chapel Schedule

### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	.9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	.5 p.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	.11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	.11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	.9 a.m.
American Samoan	Vale	.11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	.11 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	.11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Marne	.9:30 a.m.

<b>Islamic</b>		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	.1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at (414) 899-7226.		

<b>Jewish</b>		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.		
Friday	Marne	.11:30 a.m.

### Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	.11 a.m.

Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	.9 a.m.

### Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.  
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.  
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

## Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday  
at Stewart School Age Services, across from  
Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel  
Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email  
[fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com)

## Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior  
High School Students!

Join us for  
free games and pizza  
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Sunday  
at the Stewart  
Youth Activity  
Center,  
building 7338.

For more information,  
call 877-7207

